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H. R. 2777

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2017

Mr. VEASEY (for himself, Ms. HANABUSA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. NORCROSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Give Veterans Home
3 Loan Choices Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. FHA INFORMED CONSUMER CHOICE DISCLOSURE.**

5 Subparagraph (A) of section 203(f)(2) of the Na-
6 tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(f)(2)(A)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) by inserting “(i)” after “loan-to-value
9 ratio”; and

10 (2) by inserting before the semicolon the fol-
11 lowing: “, and (ii) in the case of a prospective bor-
12 rower who is a veteran (as such term is defined in
13 section 101 of title 38, United States Code), in con-
14 nection with a loan guaranteed or insured under
15 chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, assuming
16 prevailing interest rates”.

17 **SEC. 3. UNIFORM RESIDENTIAL LOAN APPLICATION.**

18 The Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency
19 shall direct the Federal National Mortgage Association
20 and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to re-
21 vise the Uniform Residential Loan Application developed
22 by such enterprises, not later than December 31, 2018,
23 by—

24 (1) including in an appropriate place a check
25 box for the applicant to check to indicate that the
26 applicant is a veteran;

1 (2) adjacent to the matter required by para-
2 graph (1) and in boldface type, the following state-
3 ment: “If you are a veteran, you may be eligible for
4 a VA mortgage.”; and

5 (3) adjacent to the matter required by para-
6 graph (2), a blank line for the borrower to initial,
7 and a statement that all applicants must initial such
8 blank line to confirm that they have read the state-
9 ment required by paragraph (2).

10 **SEC. 4. PRESEPARATION COUNSELING FOR MEMBERS OF**
11 **THE ARMED FORCES REGARDING DEPART-**
12 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HOME LOAN**
13 **SERVICES AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENE-**
14 **FITS.**

15 Section 1142(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) by redesignating paragraph (17) as para-
18 graph (18); and

19 (2) by striking paragraph (16) and inserting
20 the following new paragraphs:

21 “(16) Information on the availability of home
22 loan services by and housing assistance benefits of
23 the Department of Veterans Affairs, including the
24 authority of the member—

1 “(A) to use an honorable discharge certifi-
2 cate as a certificate of eligibility to apply for a
3 guaranteed housing loan from the Department
4 of Veterans Affairs; or

5 “(B) to request, during the preseparation
6 process or after separation, a specific certificate
7 of eligibility for such a loan under section
8 3702(c) of title 38.

9 “(17) Counseling on responsible borrowing
10 practices.”.

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